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My Dear Mr. Watson:

At last the *Carex* article is done and it goes to you by express to-day. I hope that it may please you. I have made the characters just as few as I could, and yet clearly define the species. I have felt that I might as well draw no characters as to draw them so concisely as to be of no use. Many of the species of *Carex* in the last edition are much too briefly characterized, and as a consequence I scarcely ever get properly named specimens in some of the groups. *C. laxiflora*, *C. straminea*, and the *Acutae*, are particularly deficient, and I have therefore drawn the characters at more length in these species. As near as I can judge, my MS. will not occupy much if any more space than is devoted to *Carex* in the last edition, although

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I have described about 40 more plants, and have added an artificial key. I have described 216 plants for the Manual region. After my key was all made, a species new to our region came in from Indiana, and I was obliged to readjust my numbers, hence the ~~messiness~~ of my copy.

I wish to see proof of article, all at once. While I do not expect that any changes will be necessary, I wish nevertheless to compare my key with all the species again, in order to see that I make no erroneous references.

Yours truly,
L. H. Bailey.